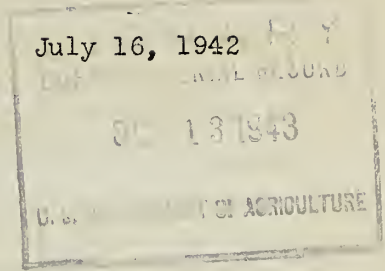


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CHEESE GRADERS' MEMORANDUM NO. 6

To: All Cheese Graders and Contractors

From: Rob R. Slocum, Dairy and Poultry Branch - AMA

Subject: Specific Designation of Vats of Cheese Conforming to the Requirements of U. S. No. 2A Cheese and the Grading of Cheese in Used Containers or in New Containers not Conforming to the Contract of Sale.

Request has been received from vendors of cheese sold to the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation under Announcement FSC-758 for a modification in the manner of showing the grading results. This request seems reasonable and all graders are, therefore, requested to conform to the following procedure.

When cheese is offered for grading as U. S. No. 1 and certain vats of the cheese are found to conform to the requirements for that grade, these vats should be designated both on the grader's memorandum and on the subsequent grading certificate issued as U. S. No. 1. Other vats which do not conform to the requirements of U. S. No. 1 cheese, but which do meet the requirements for U. S. No. 2A cheese, shall, if desired by the vendor, be specifically designated as U. S. No. 2A cheese on the grader's memorandum or otherwise be marked as "rejected." Also the results of the weight test of the U. S. No. 2A, unless marked as "rejected", should be shown on the grader's memorandum so that a separate grading certificate may later be issued covering the U. S. No. 2A cheese shown on one or more grader's memorandums, should such a certificate be requested by the vendor. All vats below the requirements of U. S. No. 2A cheese should be shown on the grader's memorandum as "rejected" or, preferably, "below U. S. No. 2A." This procedure should be inaugurated immediately.

Apparently some confusion has arisen with reference to the grading of cheese intended for delivery to the F.S.C.C. whether under the offer and acceptance plan or on the Wisconsin Cheese Exchange, which is not packed in new containers of a type conforming to the contract of sale. Some graders have assumed that cheese which is in new or used containers not conforming to the contract of sale should not be graded until it has been placed in new containers which do conform. Attention is called to the last sentence of paragraph two of Cheese Grader's Memorandum No. 4, which reads as follows: "Contractors will not be permitted to transfer cheese from one type container to another type and from used containers to new containers after grading, except where such transfer is made under direct supervision of the grader." This sentence means that when cheese is offered for delivery to F.S.C.C. and it is in used containers or in new containers not conforming to the contract of sale, such cheese may be graded but the cheese grader's memorandum covering the lot and the subsequent cheese grading certificate must not be issued until the cheese has been transferred into new containers of proper type under the direct supervision of the grader. The services of the grader in supervising the transfer of cheese into proper containers shall be charged to the vendor on the basis of time required at \$2.00 per hour.

When an approved abbreviated form of a grading certificate is issued, a statement should be made on the face of the certificate to the effect that "the cheese covered by this grading certificate graded U. S. No. 1 or better and the date of its

manufacture and its style conformed to the contract specifications." The number of vats of cheese graded "U. S. No. 2A" and "below U. S. No. 2A" should be stated on the certificate "_____ vats _____ boxes rejected as U. S. No. 2A." and "_____ vats _____ boxes rejected as below U. S. No. 2A."

Unless each box of cheese accepted is stamped with a U.S.D.A. lot number which is shown on the certificate, the certificate should show for identification purposes the warehouse lot numbers of the cheese accepted and the number of boxes of each warehouse number.

Graders are requested to note this instruction carefully and to be governed by it accordingly.

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